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Examiner: Kimberly Chong

For: **INHIBITION OF EXPRESSION OF A TARGET GENE**

REPLY & AMENDMENT

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Dear Sir:

In response to the Final Office Action mailed April 4, 2007, applicants file the present Reply and Amendment concurrently with a Request for Continued Examination and a Petition for Extension of Time (one month). Applicants previously filed an Amendment After Final on July 2, 2007 but, in a July 24, 2007 Advisory Action, the Examiner advised that the amendments therein would not be entered. The amendments are, therefore, being submitted herewith for entry and applicants respectfully request that the following amendments and remarks be made of record in the above-identified application. Applicants' response, with a one-month extension, is due on or before August 6, 2007 (the first business day following August 4, 2007).

Please cancel claims 4 and 5, amend claims 1 to 3 and 6, and add claims 9 to 12 as reflected in the listing of claims beginning on page 2 of this paper.